

Army Students Get First-Hand Look at Medical Kitting Operations

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Six students from the U. S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) Internship Program visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) and Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) for a first-hand look at kitting operations.



DDSP Supervisory Supply Technician Steve George explains to the USAMMA students how DDSP personnel use an assembly line to prepare kits of medical supplies.

During a tour of the DDSP warehouse where the medical kits are assembled and packed for shipment, the USAMMA students noticed many familiar items and were excited to have a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how the kits are put together before they are sent to the customer.



DDSP Public Affairs Officer Sherre Mitten-Bell escorts the USAMMA students on a tour of the DDSP Walk and Pick area in DDSP's Eastern Distribution Center.

Foreign Militaries Benchmark with DDC

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Representatives from the Israeli Navy, the Royal Jordanian Air Force and the Brazilian Naval Commission visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) for "benchmarking" sessions in which they gathered ideas on improving their countries' military supply distribution systems.

Members of each foreign military received the DDC command brief including a brief history of the organization as well as updates on new DDC initiatives such as the use of radio frequency identification technology and forward stock positioning.

The visitors also received a tour of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna,



DDSP Deputy Commander Andy Leitzel leads members of the Brazilian Naval Commission on a tour of the Eastern Distribution Center.

PA's (DDSP) Eastern Distribution Center, a state-of-the-art distribution facility and the largest warehouse in the Department of Defense.



DDSP Commander CAPT Jim Naber, SC, USN, explains the operation of the sortation area of the Eastern Distribution Center to representatives of the Royal Jordanian Air Force.



DDC Public Affairs Specialist Stacy Umstead explains the scope of DDC's business to representatives from the Israeli Navy.

DDKS Contractors Learn More about DDC

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Two representatives from the Public Warehousing Company (PWC) met with staff from the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) to become more familiar with the organization. As a DDC contractor, PWC employees will perform the mission work at Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia (DDKS).

Chris Branch, PWC Business Development Manager, and Kevin Reulas, PWC Director of Business Development for U.S. Government and Military Affairs, received information on DDC's organization, history, initiatives and logistics operations. They also toured the Eastern Distribution Center, part of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP), a model distribution facility that is large enough to fit 30 football fields inside.

"The information we received during our visit is what we need to answer the question of how to improve our existing operations and facilities to optimize the mission," said Branch.